



**Western Washington University Associated Students
Senate Meeting Minutes**

February 10th, 2022, 4:00-6:00 PM

Attendees: Annie Byers, Delfine DeFrank, Nely Vasquez, Naira Gonzales Aranda, Chelsea Joefield, Shrija Gandhi

Senate Members: Brenner Barclay, Cambria Keely, Justin McGlone, Sofia Larrondo, Rahma Iqbal, Quincy Ingalls, Jesus Resendiz-Eyler, Daniela Reyes, Theodore Topper, Taylor Provence, Miriam Gold

Guests: Naira Gonzales Aranda, Chelsea Joefield, Shrija Gandhi

Staff and Assistants: Annie Byers, Delfine DeFrank, Nely Vasquez

Motions:

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| SEN-22-W-6 | To move the WILD Agenda to an Action Item to vote on |
| SEN-22-W-7 | To approve the WILD Agenda |

Brenner Barclay, AS Senate President, called the meeting to order at 4:40 PM

I. CONSENT ITEMS

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

- a. WILD Agenda will be moved from point C to point A in Information Items – Guests*

II. PUBLIC FORUM

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS – GUESTS

- a. WILD (Western Intersectional Lobby Day) Agenda
 - a. Joefield and Gandhi present
 - b. WILD will be happening Feb. 21st

- i. Main points of the agenda
 - 1. Health Accessibility
 - 2. Incarcerated Populations
 - 3. Equity and Justice
 - 4. Support for Undocumented and Mixed Status Families at WWU and WA State
 - 5. DOC Insert for Disabled Communities
- ii. Each section has two to three bills asking for support, 13 of which are active
- iii. “Dead” bills will be kept in the agenda so that legislatures can sponsor or co-sponsor for the 2023 session
- iv. The agenda will need to be voted on as an action item for the next meeting

b. VP for Diversity Task Force

- a. Gonzalez Aranda asks for help from Senators to fulfill BSO demands and importance of student demands at WWU
 - i. Task force is for BSO Demands 7, 8, 14, and 18
 - 1. Demand 7: adding black art pieces, sculptures, and famous figures to respective buildings and departments
 - 2. Demand 8: mandate anti-Racism and anti-Blackness training for staff, and create an Anti-Discrimination policy that can hold faculty and staff accountable
 - 3. Demand 14: Diversify the authors used in class curricula
 - 4. Demand 18: Define "reasonable accommodations" for students observing religious holidays
 - ii. Gonzalez Aranda has developed a step-by-step plan to accomplish this
 - 1. Senators would help by contacting their respective College Dean's to advocated for some of this demand
- c. Elections code
- a. Guest is not present, but Barclay says vote on the elections code may happen in the next meeting unless an emergency meeting is called

SEN-22-W-6

Motion by Miriam Gold

To move the WILD Agenda to an Action Item to vote on

Second: Justin McGlone
Motion passed: 11-0-0

SEN-22-W-7

Motion by Justin McGlone
To approve the WILD Agenda
Second: Cambria Keely
Motion passed: 11-0-0

V. ACTION ITEMS – GUESTS

VI. PERSONELL ITEMS

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS – SENATE

- a. HSOC (Honor Students of Color) Demands
 - a. HSOC asks the Senate to write letters to their Deans of their respective College's, to advocate for the demands of HSOC to be met
 - b. Barclay asks what the Senate could do to help HSOC meet their demands
 - c. Ingalls suggest the task force for the BSO demands also take up the HSOC demands
 - d. A Senator asks how much influence the Senate has in hiring black counselors to help meet BSO demands
 - i. Barclay says not much because there are higher groups than the Senate who make that decision
 - ii. They also say advocating for hiring black counselors is what they could do, but the Senate cannot force any hiring
 - iii. Gold says that the DEI has had a conversation with the Counseling Center who say that they want to hire black counselors, but are having difficulty getting them to move to Bellingham
 - e. McGlone comments that the Senate does not have the power to meet some HSOC demands because faculty would need meet them
 - i. Barclay suggest drafting a document to vote on at the next Senate meeting which will support the HSOC demands

- b. Ability and Access Committee**
 - a. Barclay informs the Senate the committee will have a meeting with Keely to go over the building of the charge and charter before it is voted on
 - b. They ask if anyone would like to apart of it
- c. Choice Conversation**
 - a. Ingalls asks what do in terms of requiring professors to give online options
 - i. Barclays encourages talking to their respective College Dean's as they a lot of influence
 - b. McGlone says that quick change will not take place because the Professors have already signed their contracts for this year and next year
 - c. Topper expresses frustration and student frustration over the unstable modality plan, saying that before the school will work with students to come up with a steady plan, they will have to wait a year before the contracts expire
 - d. Ingalls and McGlone encourage Senators to reach out to not only Dean's, but also department heads to encourage professors to give virtual options

VIII. ACTION ITEMS – SENATE

IX. SENATE REPORTS

- a.** Ingalls says they and the Fairhaven Dean are looking for black artists to meet BSO demand and are also adding Indigenous and Native American artists as well to add, and add art to the residencies as well
- b.** Ingalls also adds that they are trying to diversify the authors used in curriculum

X. BOARD REPORTS

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

- a.** Iqbal would like the document listing out Ramadan accommodations for students to be released before the start of the religious holiday

Brenner Barclay, AS Senate President, adjourned the meeting at 5:53 PM